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SUMMER 2013 INTERNSHIPS

❖ *RCC Students Attend Prestigious MIT Summer Program*

The participation of RCC students in MIT's Summer Research program is the result of an exciting collaboration between RCC and the MIT/SPURS Humphrey program, spearheaded by RCC Dean Jose Alicea and MIT/SPURS Director Bish Sanyal. Collaboration activities have included guest lectures by MIT Humphrey Fellows in Professor Nasreen Latif's Economic classes and Professor Randy Foote's Political Science classes. Two Roxbury Community College students were enrolled in MIT's prestigious Summer Research program, which draws undergraduates from colleges and universities across the country as paid interns. RCC students Florice Luc and Venisa Dodi lived on MIT's campus with other students, where they conducted original research with MIT professors. Florice's research focused on Housing and Immigration, and Venisa focused on Mental Health and Immigration. They presented their research earlier this month at a concluding Poster Session and Luncheon at MIT.

❖ *Seventeen RCC Summer Interns Highlight Their New Learning*

Roxbury Community College's summer interns highlighted their internship projects at the Summer 2013 Internship Oral and Poster Presentations Celebration held on August 9th at the College. An audience of site supervisors and RCC faculty, students, and staff viewed posters designed by the interns and listened to oral presentations. The 17 RCC interns are majoring in Biotechnology, Biological Science, Information System Technology, Broadcast Media Technology, and Business Administration. The site placements included Children's Hospital Boston, Edimer Pharmaceuticals, UMass Boston Bridges Program, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Comcast Sports NET New England.

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FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Professor Veronica McCormack, Chair of the Language Department, and Paul Alexander, Director of Human Resources and Affirmative Action, attended a two-day diversity conference this month sponsored by Bridgewater State University titled *Leading for Change: Diversity Practices in Higher Education*. The statewide conference offered participants, among other things, an opportunity to:

- Work together in interdivisional campus teams to exam their own institutional diversity practices;
- Explore Intercultural Campus Dialogues that Lead to Institutional Change;
- Create Campus Diversity Action Plans.

Forty-nine state and private colleges and universities were represented at the conference, which drew an estimated 220 attendees.

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GRANTS AWARDED TO RCC IN AUGUST

❖ *Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment (ICE) Grant*

This $105,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Enrollment and Secondary Education funds Roxbury Community College's *The Gateway Scholars* program, which provides severely disabled high school students the opportunity to participate in inclusive college courses and a postsecondary experience with their non-disabled peers, while working toward meeting their education and employment goals. RCC works with several school districts including Boston, Revere, Saugus, and Everett.

❖ *Academic Support and College Transition Services (MCAS Program) Grant*

The Massachusetts Department of Enrollment and Secondary Education awarded Roxbury Community College a $32, 000 grant for its *Pathway to Success* program, which offers free MCAS preparation classes for Boston Public High School students who have not passed the exam. The program provides intensive small group and individual instruction to prepare students to take the exam in all subject areas, as well as support to transition into college or the workforce.

❖ *Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Program Grant*

Roxbury Community College's *Dual Enrollment* program received a $24,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Higher education. The *Dual Enrollment* program prepares high school students for success in college and seeks to ease the transition from a secondary to a postsecondary educational environment by providing opportunities to earn college credits while simultaneously earning credits toward a high school diploma. This year, in addition to students taking classes on campus, RCC faculty will also teach college courses at select high schools.

❖ *Fellowes Grant*

A $5,000 proposal to support Roxbury Community College's *GED Practice Test* program has been approved by the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Grant Advisory Committee. This is the seventh consecutive year that the College has received a Fellows Grant. The Fellowes Athenaeum Fund is dedicated to supporting literary and instructive community programs at the Dudley Branch of the Boston Public Library. The *GED Practice Test* program is a collaboration between RCC and the Dudley Branch Library that offers the *GED Practice Test* to adults and out-of-school youth. This is an opportunity for community residents to take the *GED Practice Test* at no cost. This is a particularly important year for people who still need to earn their GED, because the test is changing in 2014.

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REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES UNDERWAY

Fall 2013 classes at RCC begin September 4th. For information call the Enrollment Center at 617.541.5310.